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## IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1-29 (canceled)
- 30. (Currently Amended) A greenhouse comprising: a substantially transparent surface; a protective coating comprising a pigment and a binder, the binder comprising a vinyl polymer based on one or more of the monomers selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, styrene, methacrylic acid and acrylic acid, having a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000-100,000 and an acid value of 40-250, wherein the binder has a polydispersity of 2-6 and a glass transition temperature of 10 to 60 °C, and wherein the protective coating is on said a-substantially transparent surface and the protective coating is removable with a removing agent comprising a base and a complex former.
- 31. (Currently Amended) The protective coating-greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the binder of the protective coating has a weight-average molecular weight of 15,000 to 75,000.
- 32. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 31, wherein the binder of the protective coating has a weight-average molecular weight of 20,000 to 50,000.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the acid value of the binder of the protective coating is between 60 and 160.
- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Canceled)
- 36. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the glass transition temperature of the binder of the protective coating is between 20 and 50 °C.

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38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the binder of the protective coating is present in an amount of 4-60% by weight, based on the weight of the protective coating.

- 40. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the pigment of the protective coating is selected from the group of calcium carbonate, titanium oxide, a silicate, gypsum, barite, and combinations thereof.
- 41. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the pigment of the protective coating is present in an amount of 30-95% by weight, based on the weight of the protective coating.
- 42. (Currently Amended) The protective coatinggreenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the protective coating further comprises an adhesion promoter.
- 43. (Currently Amended) The protective coatinggreenhouse according to claim 42, wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group of silanes.
- 44. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the protective coating further comprises a pigment divider.
- 45. (Currently Amended) The protective coating greenhouse according to claim 30, wherein the protective coating further comprises a thickener.
- 46. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a protective coating on a substantially transparent surface of a greenhouse comprising applying a composition to the substantially

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transparent surface and then drying the composition to form the protective coating, wherein the composition comprises a pigment and a water-carried binder, the binder comprising a vinyl polymer based on one or more of the monomers selected from the group consisting of methyl metacrylate, butyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, styrene, methacrylic acid and acrylic acid, having a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000-100,000 and an acid value of 40-250, wherein the binder has a polydispersity of 2-6 and a glass transition temperature of 10 to 60 °C, and wherein the protective coating is removable with a removing agent comprising a base and a complex former.

- 47. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises a weak base selected from the group of ammonia, mono-, di-, and trialkylamines, with the alkyl group containing from 1 to 8 carbon atoms.
- 48. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 47, wherein the weak base is present in an amount of 0.2-5% by weight of the protective agent.
- 49. (Canceled)